Models of temples

* 43 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the devasthanam authorities have been requested to prepare models of different temples; and

(*b*) the devasthanams which have undertaken this work and at what cost?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The following devasthanams have undertaken the work :—

(i) Sri Kapaleeswarar temple, Mylapore, at Rs. 1,000.

(ii) Sri Dhandayuthapani temple, Palni, at Rs. 6,350.

(iii) Sri Sangameswarar temple, Bhavani, with the aid of local stapathi.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: May I know for what purpose these models will be used? May I know whether they will be used for display in the respective temples or for display in public exhibitions?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: This was indeed a suggestion made by the Silpa Kala Sangam and the idea was that this would contribute to progressive education in this art of architecture.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Government consider the establishment of a temple art gallery in Madras, preferably in the new building of the Hindu Religious Endowments office and have these models installed there for public exhibition?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The Government have no such proposal.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: May I request the Hon. Minister to consider a scheme for this purpose?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I would suggest to the hon. Member to put a separate question.

Pesticides

* 44 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of pesticides issued to South Arcot district for the year 1957–58;

(*b*) whether any representations have been received for additional allotment of pesticides to that district; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) A total quantity of 203½ tons of pesticides was sold in South Arcot district during the year 1957–58.

(*b*) & (*c*) There was no specific representation from the ryots.